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REFS: (A) NSSG MSG 101541Z MAY 78, (B) USNATO 3922,
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1. PER TELEPHONE REQUEST OF MR. MILLER, OASD(ISA),
THIS MESSAGE UPDATES REF B FORECAST OF NEED FOR ARMY
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION FUNDS FOR NATO INFRASTRUCTURE DUR-
ING REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 1978. REF A REPORTS THAT
THROUGH PAYMENTS AND PROGRESS COMMITTEE MEETING 1142
ON 6 APRIL 78 THERE REMAINED \$23 MILLION FROM THE FY78
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TOTAL OBLIGATION AUTHORITY (TOA) OF \$85 MILLION.

2. IN MEETINGS 1143-1146 (11 MAY 78), AN ADDITIONAL
\$7 MILLION WAS OBLIGATED, LEAVING SOME \$16 MILLION OF
FUND AVAILABILITY FOR THE 13 MEETINGS YET TO TAKE PLACE
IN FY78. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE WINNING
SATCOM GROUND STATION BID(BY A US FIRM) WILL RESULT IN AN

OVERRUN REQUIRING US OBLIGATION (BY 25 MAY) OF SOME \$5 MILLION.

3. ACTIONS BY EUCOM AND COMPONENTS IN RESPONSE TO REF B HAVE RESULTED IN REPORTING TO DA OF SOME \$5 MILLION OF RECOUPMENTS FOR REPROGRAMMING, ANOTHER \$3 MILLION REPORTED BY NSSG TO USAREUR THIS DATE, AND \$1.5 MILLION PAYMENT BY ITALY TO NAVEUR BEING PROCESSED TO USAREUR FOR A TOTAL OF \$9.5 MILLION ADDITIONAL FUND AVAILABILITY. FURTHER ACTION ON OUTSTANDING RECOUPMENTS IS UNDERWAY BUT IS UNLIKELY TO RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL REPROGRAMMING DURING FY78.

4. THE SLIGHT RECENT RECOVERY OF THE DOLLAR ON THE EXCHANGE MARKET NOW LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT THE NEW DOLLAR/IAU RATE ON 1 JULY WILL INCREASE BY ABOUT 8.5 PCT. THIS WILL REQUIRE A FURTHER OBLIGATION OF SOME \$22.65 MILLION AGAINST OUR UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS OF \$266,491,000 AS OF 1 MAY 78. IT IS EVIDENT THAT WE CANNOT TAKE THAT OBLIGATION ACTION WITHIN OUR AVAILABLE FUNDS. NOR CAN WE REDUCE THE VOLUME OF UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS WITHOUT CANCELLING PROGRAMMED PROJECTS FOR WHICH WE HAVE AGREED TO FUND OBLIGATIONS, UNLESS WE CAN OBTAIN UNANIMOUS NATO CONSENT (INCLUDING THAT OF RELEVANT HOST NATIONS) TO SUCH CANCELLATIONS. WE MIGHT, HOWEVER, SECURE AGREEMENT TO CANCELLATION OF PROJECTS WHICH ARE PRINCIPALLY UNCLASSIFIED

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IN THE INTEREST OF US FORCES. WE WOULD FIND, WE BELIEVE, THAT MOST OF THE PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE BACKLOG ARE ALREADY UNDER CONTRACT AND, WITH CANCELLATION COSTS, LITTLE SAVING WOULD BE MADE.

5. REQUEST REPLY TO PARAS 11.A(1) AND (3), REF B, BY 1 JUNE 78. BENNETT

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